MINORITIES & BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 6th August, 2019

No.13422–STSCD-MCW-MISC-0021/2018/M&BCW—Whereas, the matters relating to establishment of Wakf was under the Administrative control of the Law Department;

And, whereas, to regulate election to the State Wakf Board, the Secretary, Law Department has been declared as the "Election Authority" under clause (e) of rule-2 of the Odisha State Wakf Board (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1997;

And, whereas, the said establishment has been entirely transferred to Minority & Backward Classes Welfare Department in Law Department Resolution No.2866, dated the 23rd March, 2015, published in the *Odisha Gazette* dated the 5th June, 2015;

And, whereas, after such transfer the Minority & Backward Classes Welfare Department has become the Administrative Department in respect of the establishment of Wakf;

And, whereas, it is expedient to declare the Secretary, Minority & Backward Classes Welfare Department as the Election Authority in place of Secretary, Law Department;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section(1) read with clause (iv) of sub-section (2) of Section 109 of the Wakf Act, 1995 (43 of 1995), the State Government do hereby make the following rules further to amend the Odisha State Wakf Board (Conduct of Election) Rules,1997, namely :—

   1. Short title and commencement:— (1) These rules may be called the Odisha State Wakf Board (Conduct of Election) Amendment Rules, 2019.

   (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Odisha Gazette.*

   2. In the Odisha State Wakf Board (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1997, in rules 2, for clause (e), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

   "(e)   "Election Authority" means the Secretary to Government, Minorities & Backward Classes Welfare Department".

By Order of the Governor

R. RAGHU PRASAD
Commissioner-*cum*-Secretary to Government

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